

## BEWARE

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surprised, you compliment my english  
while my sister laughs at the perfection with which my tongue enunciates  
and my elders laugh at my feeble attempts to speak in our native tongue.  
what is it about my english that impresses you so?  
hmmm...is it the color of my skin that caught you off guard?  
did you not think it possible for a brownskin woman to  
art-iculate  
    post-ulate  
        to not be consumed by the colonizer's hate?  
beware of the {micro} brown- skinned woman  
for we are broken, yet full of surprises.